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### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on November 5, 2015 at 9:39 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

William Green, Committee Chair  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Committee Vice-Chair  
Diane Licht, Committee Member  
Peter Economou, Committee Member  
Dana Kaspereen, Committee Member  
W. Michael Shea, Committee Member

##### **Also Present:**

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

#### ***Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:***

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

*On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to approve the October 1, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following members of the public were present:  
William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA  
Kathy Mangano, Montclair State University  
Lucille Geswaldi  
Kim Traina-Nolan  
Gina Vo

Stephanie Hendrick  
Mia Zarro  
Caitlin Stichter  
Lindsey Bell  
Ashley Prokop  
James Whitaker  
Lauren Fallat  
Tracy Brubaker  
Linda Kasretz

Dina Refro - Sought to comment on the proposed amendment to regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1 which seeks to remove the requirement of “counseling” or “counselor” in the title of the degree. The Committee informed Ms. Refro that all comments need to be submitted to Executive Director Collazo, so that she may compile and submit the comments to the regulatory analyst. All comments must be submitted by November 20, 2015, at which time the comment period ends.

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,275 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are 1,525 applications and 42 reinstatements pending.  
\* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**  
*None to review.*

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**  
*None to review.*

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**  
*None to review.*

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis**

The Committee reviewed the September 22, 2015 letter regarding the degree program name change.

*The Committee accepted this as informational.*

**B. MCAC and State Counselor Licensure Laws: David and Goliath**

The Committee reviewed the publication regarding Masters level education.

*The Committee accepted this as informational.*

**X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA informed the Committee that the NJCA will be submitting formal comments regarding its position of the proposed amendment to regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1 which seeks to remove the requirement of “counseling” or “counselor” in the title of the degree.

Mr. Clark also discussed the NJCA 2016 conference and asked which Committee members would be attending. Committee Chair William Green and members Diane Licht and Peter Economou volunteered to attend.

**XI. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COUNSELING BOARDS**

*Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to remove this subject from the agenda going forward. Voting in favor: all.*

**XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Regulations Sub-Committee:**

*The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft will be presented for Committee review at a later date.*

**B. Internet Counseling:**

*Committee member Peter Economou working with Assistant Deputy Director Terry Goldberg and a law intern to compile all data from 11 states with regard to internet therapy. Once completed, all information will be summarized for the full Committee to review.*

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 5, 2015.

**Meeting Dates for 2015**

December 3, 2015

**Meeting Dates for 2016**

January 7, 2016

February 4, 2016

March 3, 2016

April 7, 2016

May 5, 2016

June 2, 2016

July 7, 2016

August 7, 2016

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

#### **XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW REVIEW:**

##### **National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval**

Artress, Tyler  
Baker, William B.  
Bena-Xhaferaj, Blerta  
DeGirolamo, Amy  
Garresen, Mardia  
Grzelak, Michelle  
Gutwein, Mallory  
Hardrick, Arielle  
Lamela, Marko  
Mills III, William J.  
Ming, Vanessa  
Moreno, Arquisha  
Rivera, Jonathan  
Santiago, Luz  
Soler, Bionca  
Szewczyk, Kelly E.  
Yeo, Jinwon  
Whitaker, James

##### **Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval**

Abulaila, Safia  
Barkala, Georgette  
Beaton, Ashley  
Brandt, Cheryl  
Brown, Danielle  
Carter, Christina  
Coviello, Jaimie  
Cherrez, Joshelin  
Crooks, Ashley  
Damato, Deanna  
De Los Santos, Kristina  
De Lucia, Christina  
DeLorenzo, Lisa  
Dorelein, Stanley  
Ealer, Elizabeth  
Fine, Meredith  
Galese, Loren  
Garresen, Mardia  
Gaspari, Stephanie  
Gillis, Anna Marie  
Grant, Stephanie  
Gonzalez, Gina  
Haas, Lesly  
Jannarone, Katherine  
Lotto, Heather

Mandl, Tiffany  
Mannix, Allison  
Manotas, Yamile  
Marcantonio, Tiffany  
Marshall, Kelly  
Murphy, Erin  
Ortiz, Danielle  
Paul, Edwige  
Rallo Daniels, Christina  
Renzi, Vanessa  
Roitburg, Jennifer  
Santiago, Luz  
Schultz, Samantha  
Smikle, Andrea  
Vaugh-Jones, Cheryl  
Wadhwani, Sonia  
Wittkop, Elisa

**Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval**

Allen, Devita  
Anun, Ophelia  
Artimova, Kristina  
Blake, Gwendolyn  
Bowens, Tracy  
Chizan, Adriana  
D'Angelo, Stephanie  
DeGroat, Jordan  
Foraker, Lee  
Gagliano, Gina  
Godino, Tara  
Granzin, Stephanie  
Harris-Harper, Verily  
Hodkiewicz, Kayla  
Kuney, Deborah  
LaCroce, Julianne  
Lewis, Earl  
McGowan, Christine  
Morgenthater, Vanessa  
O'Meara, Colleen  
Perdomo, Yvette  
Railey, Amber  
Reyes-Berndt, Marilyn  
Rothman, Denise  
Rybalova, Renata  
Ryno, Nancy  
Sammon, Erin

Subawickrama, Sugandika  
Varughese, Joe  
Wasuillah, Jennifer

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon motion made by Dana Kaspereen, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 1:06. Voting in favor: all.*